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1 Iran unveiled an expanded shopping list for more than 160 European planes — including 8 superjumbos — and dangled another big order in front of Boeing at Tehran's first major post-sanctions business gathering on Sunday. In a sign of Tehran's determination to compete with established carriers across the Gulf, Transport Minister Abbas Akhoondi said Iran's emergence from isolation would restore a "natural balance" in the region. REUTERS

CALIFORNIA JAIL ESCAPE

2 An accused murderer and two other California prisoners were still at large on Sunday after breaking out of the Orange County jail as a massive manhunt for the trio entered its third day, authorities said. Hossein Nayeri, 37, Jonathan Tieu, 20, and Bac Duong, 43, escaped the jail in Orange County and were last seen early Friday morning, Sheriff Sandra Hutchens said in a statement on Sunday. The trio cut through steel bars, climbed through a plumbing tunnel and used bedsheets to lower themselves down. REUTERS

KERRY'S PEACE PRESSURE

3 The lead negotiator in the Syrian opposition said it was coming under pressure from Secretary of State John Kerry to attend peace talks in Geneva this week in order to negotiate over steps including a halt to air strikes. The opposition's High Negotiation Committee has said it will not attend negotiations until the government take steps mentioned in a UN Security Council resolution REUTERS

CAMPAIGN TRAIL

7 Audience members listen to Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton at a campaign event at Vernon Middle School on Sunday in Marion, Iowa.

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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NJ CARBON MONOXIDE

4 A mother and child in New Jersey died inside a car from carbon monoxide poisoning, due to the car being turned on while its muffler was blocked by snow. The 23-year-old woman and her 1-year-old son were inside the car on Sherman Street in Passaic while the father began digging the car out of the snow. While the father was just outside the car, the woman and baby died from carbon monoxide poisoning before the father realized what was going on, NBC reported. A 3-year-old girl in the car was in critical condition. SAM NEWHOUSE

VIDEO MAY SHOW ATTACK

5 A video published on Sunday by the media center of Islamic State claimed to show images and last statements of nine of the people who took part in the Paris attacks that killed 130 people on Nov. 13. Reuters could not independently verify the authenticity of the footage. The French Foreign Ministry declined to comment on it. There was no immediate comment from the Prime Minister's office, and Reuters was not immediately able to reach officials at the Interior Ministry. REUTERS

PORT RICHMOND CHURCH

6 The Port Richmond enclave of Philadelphia has numerous Catholic churches, but the Archdiocese has decided to change how several of the parishes are administered. The consolidation of four Port Richmond churches will take place over the next two years, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced at service Sunday, but instead of "merging," parishes will enter into "partnerships." SAM NEWHOUSE

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Ramsey to help Chicago PD

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Philly's former top cop is heading back to his former department and native city of Chicago to assist Mayor Rahm Emanuel in reshaping the department.

Former Philly Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey, who previously served as commissioner of police in Washington, D.C., was a top-level deputy commissioner in the Chicago Police Department, where he began his career as a patrolman.

Emanuel made the announcement Sunday, calling Ramsey "a national leader in urban policing," the Chicago Tribune reported.

The department was roundly criticized over the fatal shooting by police of teenager Laquan McDonald with many calling for Mayor Emanuel to resign. Ramsey was recruited to assist leadership with policies ranging from community policing, interacting with the mentally ill and training, the Tribune reported.

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Charges tossed in Penn St. case

Obstruction charges against former Penn State officials in Sandusky scandal were thrown out by an appeals court.

A Pennsylvania appeals court on Friday threw out obstruction charges against three former Penn State officials accused of trying to hamper the child molestation case against former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, court documents show.

Ex-Penn State President Graham Spanier, former athletic director Timothy Curley and former university vice president Gary Schultz still have to answer charges of child endangerment and failure to report suspected child abuse, following the Pennsylvania Superior Court's decision.

Quashing the obstruction and conspiracy charges, the court ruled that former university lawyer Cynthia Baldwin had breached attorney-client privilege when she testified to a grand jury in 2012 about the three men and what she believed they knew about the abuse allegations.

Attorneys for the three accused had argued that Baldwin's testimony fundamentally tainted the case against them.

"We agree that Ms. Baldwin's grand jury testimony was improper," the appeals panel judges said in the ruling.

It was unclear if Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane would appeal.

Sandusky, 71, is serving a prison sentence of 30 to 60 years for molesting 10 boys over a 15-year period, some in the campus football showers.

Prosecutors said Spanier, Curley, and Schultz covered up Sandusky's crimes in a "conspiracy of silence" to protect the image of the school, a powerhouse in the world of college football.

The school's late head football coach, Joe Paterno, who was fired after Sandusky's arrest in November 2011, was also aware of the incident, prosecutors have said.

Perjury charges against Spanier and Schultz were also dropped. They had been accused of lying to a grand jury when they said they were unaware of a 1998 allegation that Sandusky had showered with a boy.

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"We agree that Ms. Baldwin's grand jury testimony was improper."

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Temple gymnasts survive snowbound ordeal

The Temple women's gymnastics team suffered the fear of highway travelers during wintery weather. They were snowbound for more than 24 hours this weekend, from Friday evening to Saturday.

The gymnasts kept their spirits up, however, by playing Uno and sharing messages with the outside world via social media.

The team was on the Pennsylvania Turnpike heading to Pittsburgh for a meet when traffic slowed to a halt as snow fell near the Bedford exit.

"The women survived thanks to rations brought to their bus and other stranded motorists by first responders, local firefighters and the Pennsylvania National Guard."

The Duquesne University men's basketball team was also stuck for 24 hours. SAM NEWHOUSE

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Philly faces Jonas' wrath

Philly will be digging out for days from the fourth-worst storm in city history.

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With more than 2 feet of snow dumped on the region Friday and Saturday, Philly will be digging out from under the fourth-worst storm in city history for days.

SEPTA was expecting systemwide delays Monday as they start to bring back bus and the Regional Rail services for the Monday morning commute.

"It's been a very, very long weekend for our employees, battling under terrible conditions, high winds … snow drifting back into areas they just cleared," said SEPTA General Manager Jeffrey Knueppel. "In the morning it will be a slow start. We haven't operated these trains for a couple days now. … We are going to pick up rhythm and get going as the day goes on."

The Regional Rail is expected to be operational Monday with some delays. But three lines may not be ready for the morning commute, Knueppel said.

Doubts remain specifically about the Cynwyd Line, Chestnut Hill Line, and the Trenton line, Knueppel said.

"We're not sure if they're going to make it for morning service," he said, but said workers were seeking to get those trains active as soon as possible.

Just 23 percent of SEPTA bus lines were operating as of Sunday night due to snow-covered and icy streets citywide, Kneuppel said. Twenty-two city bus routes and 12 suburban bus routes were active Sunday afternoon.

"The numbers will continue to climb," Knueppel said.

The Broad Street subway and the Market-Frankford el are expected to operate normally Monday.

Routes 101 and 102 were operating except for a small part of Route 101 in Media.

The Norristown High Speed Line's third rail was covered by snow, and from 69th Street to Bryn Mawr, but the line will be in service Monday, Knueppel said, while SEPTA continues working to clear the rest of the line with a jet engine.

Public schools will be closed Monday. That means the school year will last one extra day, to June 23, 2016.

Trash and recycling pickup is canceled Monday; residents whose pickup day is Monday are being asked to wait until the following Monday.

New Jersey Transit expects regular service Monday. PATCO never interrupted service during the storm.

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The models were very consistent in planting the bull's-eye of extreme snow across the northern Mid-Atlantic states, in particular the D.C.-Baltimore region.

The Philadelphia area was fairly consistent as well with at least a foot of snow event.

The computers handled terribly the extent and fierceness of just how far the extreme snow would penetrate. A sharp cutoff of snow to the north and west of the storm was strongly indicated by all of the most reliable of computer models, with the northern edge of the heavy snow line just brushing New York City and anything north and west would see nothing more than light accumulations.

That, my friends, was a complete bust, as the raging blizzard plowed (pun intended) well into Pennsylvania, New York and southern New England. Even Boston was clipped with 8.2 inches of snow.

This caught all your local meteorologists by surprise as we all scrambled to ramp up snow amounts in areas where blizzard warnings were not posted. The storm was piling up at the rate of 1 to 3 inches an hour without prior warnings, and that is maddening to us and to you.

Forecasting is a science, but one that will lead to blown forecasts from time to time even with the most highly advanced computer models as our biggest forecasting tool.

As far as any storms ahead, we are watching a storm that will take shape off the southeast coast on Thursday and as it stands now it should move well off the East Coast.

The next storm time frame would be Feb. 2-8 as the arctic oscillation should go negative (raising the potential for cold air) at the same time the North Atlantic oscillation goes a tad toward negative (negative phases in AO and NAO increase storm and snow chances). However, this phase will not nearly be as super negative than what we just experienced with this past storm.

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After this weekend's blockbuster of a storm — 22.4 inches a winter's worth of snow in 36 hours (what we normally receive for the entire winter season) — this week will be much more tranquil. A storm that is due to form off the Southeast coast on Thursday should remain well off the coast. A clipper will dive in on Friday with possible flurries along with temperatures in the upper-20s to mid-30s.

Temperatures over the weekend will moderate into the 40s.

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US adds more countries to Zika travel warning

The warning adds Barbados, Bolivia, Ecuador, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Cape Verde, Samoa and the island of Saint Martin to a list of 14 countries and territories.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) extended its travel warning to another eight countries or territories that pose a risk of infection with Zika, a mosquito-borne virus spreading through the Caribbean and Latin America.

The CDC has cautioned pregnant women not to travel to these areas as Zika has been suspected to lead to birth defects.

The Zika virus is transmitted by the Aedes aegypti mosquito, which is also known to carry the dengue, yellow fever and Chikungunya viruses.

Health experts are unsure why the virus - detected in Africa in 1947 but unknown in the Americas until last year - is spreading so rapidly in Brazil and neighboring countries.

There is no vaccine or treatment for Zika, which causes mild fevers and rashes. An estimated 80 percent of those infected show no symptoms at all.

Researchers in Brazil said on Wednesday they had found new evidence linking the virus to increasing incidence of microcephaly, a condition in which babies are born with unusually small heads.

U.S. authorities confirmed on Saturday the birth of a baby with a small head in Hawaii to a mother who had been infected with the Zika virus while visiting Brazil.

The agency issued an advisory last week against travel to Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Martinique, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Suriname, Venezuela, and the U.S. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. REUTERS

A Health Ministry employee fumigates a home against the Aedes aegypti mosquito to prevent the spread of the Zika virus in Soyapango, El Salvador. GETTY IMAGES

French minister says state of emergency will not last forever

The state of emergency in France needs to be extended given the current security threat but it will not last for ever, French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said on Sunday.

French President François Hollande said on Jan. 22 that he would ask parliament to extend by three months the state of emergency declared after the Nov. 13 Paris attacks that left 130 people dead, sparking a debate over civil liberties.

Emergency measures that give authorities extra powers to put people under house arrest and conduct raids without a judicial warrant had been due to expire on Feb. 26.

"As long as we think that there is an imminent [terrorist] threat, we need the state of emergency," Cazeneuve told France 5 television.

"I hope the state of emergency will have the shortest duration possible but at the same time that it will be in place long enough to ensure the French people are protected," he said.

France's highest administrative court, the Conseil d'Etat, will on Tuesday examine a request from the Human Rights League to end the state of emergency. REUTERS

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The prison was opened in 2002 to house foreign terrorism suspects but has drawn international criticism from human rights activists and many foreign governments. President Barack Obama is seeking to close it.

A detainee walks through the recreation yard at the detention center for "enemy combatants" on Sept. 15, 2010 in Guantanamo Bay. GETTY IMAGES

A former senior British intelligence officer wants to give evidence that the country's security services knew about the torture of inmates at the U.S. prison camp in Guantanamo Bay, a newspaper reported.

The former officer is seeking permission to present evidence to a forthcoming parliamentary inquiry that British officials saw detainees being tortured in December 2002, the Sunday Times said quoting senior security sources.

Details of torture were disclosed during meetings held at the London headquarters of Britain's MI5 in 2002 and the evidence is believed to include claims that British officials witnessed inmates being chained, hooded, waterboarded and subjected to mental abuse by CIA officials, the report said.

No one was immediately available to comment at Britain's interior ministry which handles media queries relating to MI5.

A report by the U.S. Senate published in 2014 said the CIA used sexual threats, waterboarding and other harsh methods to interrogate terrorism suspects in the years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

A former British inmate at Guantanamo said last month that British security officers witnessed him being tortured by American soldiers in Afghanistan. REUTERS

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Shkreli asks US court to consider blocking subpoena

Martin Shkreli was arrested for securities fraud in New York City on Dec. 16, 2015. GETTY IMAGES

Lawyers for former pharmaceuticals executive Martin Shkreli have asked a U.S. federal judge for guidance on a demand by lawmakers that Shkreli appear at a hearing on Tuesday, writing that if travel restrictions on him are not lifted, the congressional subpoena should be blocked.

Lawyers for Shkreli sent a letter to U.S. District Judge Kiyo Matsumoto in Brooklyn late on Friday laying out the conflict between them and the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform over Shkreli's attendance.

Shkreli, 32, stepped down last month as chief executive of Turing Pharmaceuticals Inc. after his arrest on securities fraud charges.

The Oversight Committee says it wants to hear testimony from Shkreli about Turing's decision to raise the price of lifesaving medicine Daraprim by more than 5,000 percent. Shkreli says he should be excused from going to Washington because he plans to invoke his right against self-incrimination and refuse to answer questions.

Under his conditions for pre-trial release, Shkreli is also required to remain in parts of New York state, although he could ask for a travel waiver.

If he does not appear at the hearing, though, lawmakers have threatened to seek criminal contempt charges against him.

The letter on Friday did not ask for a travel waiver for Shkreli, but the lawyers wrote that if Shkreli "may not leave" New York, "then we respectfully request that the court accept this letter as a motion to quash or to stay the subpoena."

A committee spokeswoman could not immediately be reached for comment. REUTERS

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TOM FOREMAN
Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the new book "My Year of Running Dangerously."

For all the worry about the storm sweeping into D.C., the biggest shoveling has been out in Iowa where the candidates are frantically flinging their messages at voters. The caucus is already raucous, so what's next? My three things to watch in politics, of course!

1. AVALANCHE: With just a week until the political front hits the heartland, the Democratic presidential contenders are joining us on CNN for a town hall meeting Monday night. It will be a last big chance for the candidates to warm up the voters. It's not a debate, so it may seem subdued, but Bernie Sanders' surge in the polls clearly has Hillary Clinton abandoning her cold war strategy — watch for a full-on firefight as the days progress.

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders GETTY IMAGES

2. ICE STATION ZEBRA: Like soldiers battling for control of an arctic outpost, the two Republican frontrunners are unloading on each other as the hours dwindle down to caucus night. The late polls that showed Donald Trump freezing out Ted Cruz, brought a big question too: Will all those new voters really brave the cold to back the leading candidates — or is it just so much hot air? Meanwhile, mainstream GOPers aren't sure what to do with either of them — so watch the party twist in the wind this week as it tries to come up with a strategy.

3. SLIP SLIDING AWAY: Oh, and btw, there are other people still running. Amid all the Front Four Fever it is easy to forget that other candidates are hoping Iowa will give them a bounce back into the spotlight. Accordingly, it is a fair bet some of those "others" will say some pretty wild things this week trying to grab a hot headline. You can't blame them, but it's time to start placing your bets on who will be next to grab a Flexible Flyer and slip right out of the contest.

BRIEF

Hong Kong police arrest Chinese suspect in LA double murder

Hong Kong police said on Sunday they had arrested a Chinese national sought by U.S. authorities on suspicion of murdering two people and attempting to murder a third person in Los Angeles.

In a statement, the Hong Kong police said they had arrested a 44-year-old man following a formal U.S. extradition request, adding he would appear in court on Monday. It gave no further details about the case.

U.S. officials named the suspect on Saturday as Deyun Shi and said he was suspected of having killed two of his teenage nephews, aged 14 and 15, at a home in Arcadia, a city in Los Angeles county. They believed he had fled to China.

Shi, who U.S. police consider "armed and dangerous," is also suspected of attacking his wife, U.S. authorities have said.

Hong Kong has an extradition agreement with U.S. authorities that has allowed the transfer of a number of fugitives back to the United States over the years.

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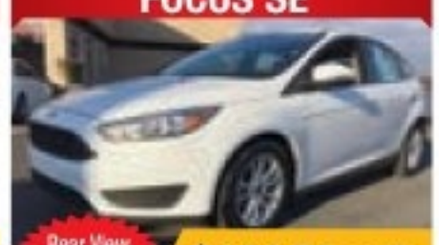

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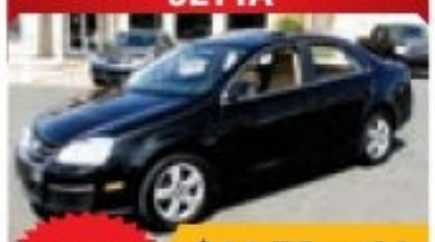

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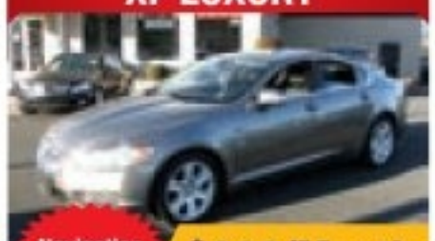

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Bloomberg's possible entry into 2016 race gets mixed reception

Presidential hopefuls on Sunday offered mixed reviews of former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's potential independent White House run, with Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders saying it would add another billionaire like Republican Donald Trump to the field.

Bloomberg's weekend revelation, that he is laying the groundwork for a run that he could launch should Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton falter, sent shockwaves rippling through the entire presidential field.

Sanders, a Democratic socialist and Vermont senator who is threatening Clinton in Iowa and New Hampshire, told ABC's "This Week" program that Bloomberg's

Michael Bloomberg GETTY IMAGES

entry into the race would add a second billionaire to the field. Trump, a real estate mogul, is leading the Republican race.

Sanders has railed against "millionaires and billionaires" and the political power they wield throughout his insurgent campaign for the Democratic nomination.

"That is not what, to my view, American democracy is supposed to be about, a contest between billionaires. If that takes place, I am confident that we will win it," Sanders said.

Hillary Clinton, who won the Register's endorsement on the Democratic side on Saturday, said she expected to negate Bloomberg's rationale for running.

"He's a good friend of mine and I am going to do the best I can that I get the nomination and we'll go from there," she told NBC's "Meet the Press."

"The way I read what he said is that if I didn't get the nomination he would do it ... I will relieve him of that," she said. REUTERS

Washington after the storm

A young girl is sliding on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol on Sunday in Washington. Millions of people in the eastern United States started digging out Sunday from a huge blizzard that brought New York and Washington to a standstill, but the travel woes were far from over. The storm — dubbed "Snowzilla" — killed at least 18 people after it walloped several states over 36 hours on Friday and Saturday, affecting an estimated 85 million residents who were told to stay off the roads and hunker down in doors for their own safety. GETTY IMAGES

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Nick Cannon is cool with Mariah Carey's engagement

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Big news for Mariah Carey. The singer recently announced that she and billionaire boyfriend James Packer are engaged, as he popped the question late last week in New York. The Australian businessman sealed the deal with a comically massive 35-carat diamond ring, according to Entertainment Tonight. Very tasteful. And speaking of tasteful, ex-husband Nick Cannon is taking a decidedly amicable and supportive stance on the news, offering up a jokey Instagram post featuring a still from his BET comedy series "Real Husbands of Hollywood" of him unconscious in a hospital bed, Kevin Hart screaming at him, "It's just a ring, Nick!" Joking aside, Cannon captioned the photo, "Congrats to [Carey] and James! May God bless your future union" along with the hashtags "great people" and "great couple." That's just … great.

Chelsea Handler confirms Justin Bieber is the worst

I've been telling people that Justin Bieber is the worst — just the absolute worst — for years now, and finally someone's chiming in to agree. Well, sort of. Chelsea Handler took some questions during a Sundance Film Festival event this weekend, and one of them had to do with which celebrity was her worst interview subject. At first, she didn't really have an answer, but then: "Just Bieber, maybe, because he was trying to flirt with me and it was so uncomfortable," she says. "Like, that's his shtick. He would come on and flirt with you and you just felt like a child molester right away. And I didn't want to feel that way. I think he does that with everybody." See? The worst.

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Iggy Azalea responds to Macklemore's slam

Macklemore is tackling the subject of white privilege, which is nifty. Except he's doing it in a nearly-nine-minute-long track, which is downright self-indulgent. But hey, nobody's perfect. He also takes a moment to name-check fellow artists Miley Cyrus and Iggy Azalea: "You've exploited and stolen the music … the culture was never yours to make better," he raps. As it turns out, Azalea is not too pleased. "He shouldn't have spent the last three years having friendly convos and taking pictures together at events if those were his feelings," she tweeted in response to a fan.

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A Great Big World on music and musicals

The "Say Something" duo are amped for their gig at World Cafe Live.

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Pop duo Ian Axel and Chad King of A Great Big World took home a Grammy last year for their breakout single "Say Something" with Christina Aguilera. This year, they're headlining a tour — titled "Kaleidoscope," after a track from their November sophomore release on Epic Records, "When the Morning Comes" — and will the New York University alumni will be in town March 8.

What made you name the tour after the song "Kaleidoscope"?

Chad King: A lot of people know "Say Something," and it's a dark, emotional song, but the rest of our music is light and colorful and positive and has youthful energy. The feeling the world "Kaleidoscope" gives you is what we want people to feel when they're at our shows.

Which cities are you most excited to hit up?

Ian Axel: I'm excited about Salt Lake City. It's my birthday and we've had some really great shows there in the past.
CK: Philly is a big one for me, especially because it's at World Cafe Live. This venue — they did it right, because the acoustics in the room and where you perform are really perfect.
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What do you need to have on your tour bus?

IA: There's this thing called Lumio that looks like a book but when you open it, it makes a nice warm light. It's great when you're in a hotel room with bad lighting and bad energy.
CK: I'm bringing a pillow and sheets of my own. Tour buses are usually nice, but it's a lot easier to sleep on your own [sheets] in a new city than to sleep on a sheet that who knows when it's been washed.

So are you guys still in touch with Christina Aguilera?

IA: Yeah, we talk to probably and see her every few months. We were talking about working with her again, and hopefully that'll happen. We'd love it.

You're obviously big believers in Kickstarter after financing your first EP on the site in 2012. Do you go on the site and give back to other projects still?

A Great Big World invites you inside their Kaleidoscope. JOSEPH LLANES

IA: [My friend] Nate Ashker did this project where he was traveling the world without an airplane, and he documented it. We gave to that, but that was probably about six months ago. I don't know how we would have done it without [Kickstarter]. We needed money for the EP and we had money for the rent, but we needed to make the album. Chad and I both quit our day jobs and we raised enough money to record six songs and that's what got us signed to Epic.

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IA: We're planning a show soon [in which] we're playing the music of this show. It's going to be like a Great Big World show with special guests. We're over three years into [the musical], and the goal is to be shopping it around this summer. It's making progress, but "Hamilton" was six years in the making and Sting's musical took eight years. It's a process but we're so proud of it.

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Disaster movies are no disaster for Nick Robinson

"The 5th Wave" actor says the film is rooted in reality, and couldn't be timelier.

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Nick Robinson is only 20, but he's already experienced two of the five natural disasters that take place in "The 5th Wave," the sci-fi movie he stars in alongside Chloe Grace Moretz and Liev Schreiber. "I've experienced blackouts and an earthquake," he says. "The earthquake happened when I was 5 and lived in Seattle. I remember it pretty vividly, actually. The walls of the classroom were bending like a piece of paper."

Finding redemption

In the movie, he plays Ben, a popular jock Moretz's character, Cassie, has a crush on. When it comes to the disasters and deadly attacks, Ben just can't catch a break, but he preservers. "In the face of overwhelming odds and defeat, Ben finds redemption," Robinson says. "He's very relatable that way. Everyone is faced with problems they don't think they can overcome. I can relate to Ben in that sense, too."

Nick Robinson and Chloe Grace Moretz take cover in "The 5th Wave." SONY PICTURES

At its heart, the movie is about who your instincts tell you to trust, something Robinson says is incredibly timely. "It's the forefront of our national conversation right now, for better or for worse," he says. "I read a poll recently where people from different generations were asked if people were trustworthy. Most people who were baby boomers or from Generation Y said yes, but only 20 percent of millennials said people were trustworthy. It's a depressing idea."

Fast friends

But Robinson had no problem trusting his cohorts on set, especially Liev Schreiber, who Robinson says became his mentor. "There was one scene where he suggested I play it a bit more angry. It hadn't crossed my mind before and it turned out to be the take they used," Robinson says. Off-set, he mainly palled around with the other young actors, like Alex Roe and Moretz, who he says is from Atlanta, where they filmed, and knew all the fun hangouts. "She also had a Jacuzzi, which was a perk. We put that to good use," he says.

Dream job

But for a sci-fi lover like Robinson, who also starred in last summer's hugely successful "Jurassic World," play bled into work for the duration of his time filming. "I love how sci-fi allows you to explore some ideas and concepts that haven't been invented yet," he says. "But it's not fantasy. It's rooted in reality and that's what I think makes it so interesting."

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Walter Robinson turns erotic selfies into art

"Most of them are R-rated," the artist says of his sources.

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The thing that Walter Robinson finds most exciting about Moore College's exhibition of his work is that it's taking place at a women's art college.

"I'm anticipating being accused of sexism," he says with an air of bemusement rather than defensiveness. "A lot of the material is about romance and desire, and that continues to be an issue. The most exciting part about it is the challenge and the discussion."

"Walter Robinson: Paintings and Other Indulgences," which opened Saturday for its only East Coast stop, spans the New York artist's career from 1979 to 2014.

But Robinson is thinking in particular of a recent body of work based on erotic selfies — paintings of photographs taken by young women to tout their services in back-page advertisements.

"They're not romantic, old-fashioned nudes," he says. "Most of them are R-rated, and the women in a sense are sex workers, so they're selling. Almost all my paintings, when they're involved with desire like that, imply a dynamic between the picture and the viewer."

"Amboy Dukes," painted in 1981, is on display at "Walter Robinson: Paintings and Other Indulgences, through March 12 at the Galleries at Moore. PROVIDED

Born in Wilmington, Delaware, and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Robinson came to prominence in the early '80s as a part of the Pictures Generation. He also became a noted art critic, contributing to Art in America and the East Village Eye, and serving as editor of the online journal Artnet from 1996 to 2012.

His first significant work consisted of copies of the covers of pulp romance novels, some of which are represented in this show.

Robinson aligns himself with Pop Art, with a particular interest in what he calls "lowbrow culture."

His subjects range from still lifes of over-the-counter pharmaceuticals to normcore fashion models, all drawing, he says, from "the postmodernist idea that we live in a tornado of images."

Aiming for lowbrow

From his early romance novel covers to the more recent online selfies, and touching on other subjects such as Lands' End clothing models and paintings of newspaper advertising circulars, one subject that has consistently captured Robinson's imagination is the art of the transitory — images meant to be consumed and quickly discarded.

"When I started painting them back in the '80s, you could buy pulp paperbacks for 10 cents and they were falling apart and fast disappearing," he recalls. "I'm always looking for a body of imagery that's lowbrow and transitory, that's omnipresent but nobody really looks at it. I like to think this ephemeral material really wants to be fine art, so I'm trying to help it along. I don't really invent images, I just pass them on. That way I get to avoid responsibility."

What to expect at PIFA 2016

Remember that 21-foot Eiffel Tower covered in light bulbs in the Kimmel Center a few years back? Mimi Lien created the installation as part of the Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts, and she's coming back to wow us again for PIFA 2016.

Lien's "Kinetic Tree" will be in the Kimmel during the 16-day festival, kicking off April 8. The interactive sculpture will include sound and light elements and be made entirely of wood. "I want to make people look up and appreciate the vastness of the vertical space," Lien said. "It's a sculptural expression of PIFA's curatorial vision: We are what we make."

The festival, now in its third iteration, will include 60 performances from international and local artists and end with a street fair on the Avenue of the Arts. The organizers expect the fair alone to draw 100,000 people — which they thought would feel unbalanced without a major opening event to start PIFA. So this year the fest opens with "a ball of fire," said Jay Wahl, the Kimmel's artistic director. Compagnie Carabosse from France and Mexico's Teatro Linea de Sombra are bringing us "Article 13," April 8, 9 and 10 on Penn's Landing. The installation/performance — spanning 120,000 square feet, Wahl said — is being described as a "labyrinth of fire and sound." Article 13 is free to attend. Details on all of the shows and tickets for the events that aren't free are at PIFA.org. RACHEL VIGODA

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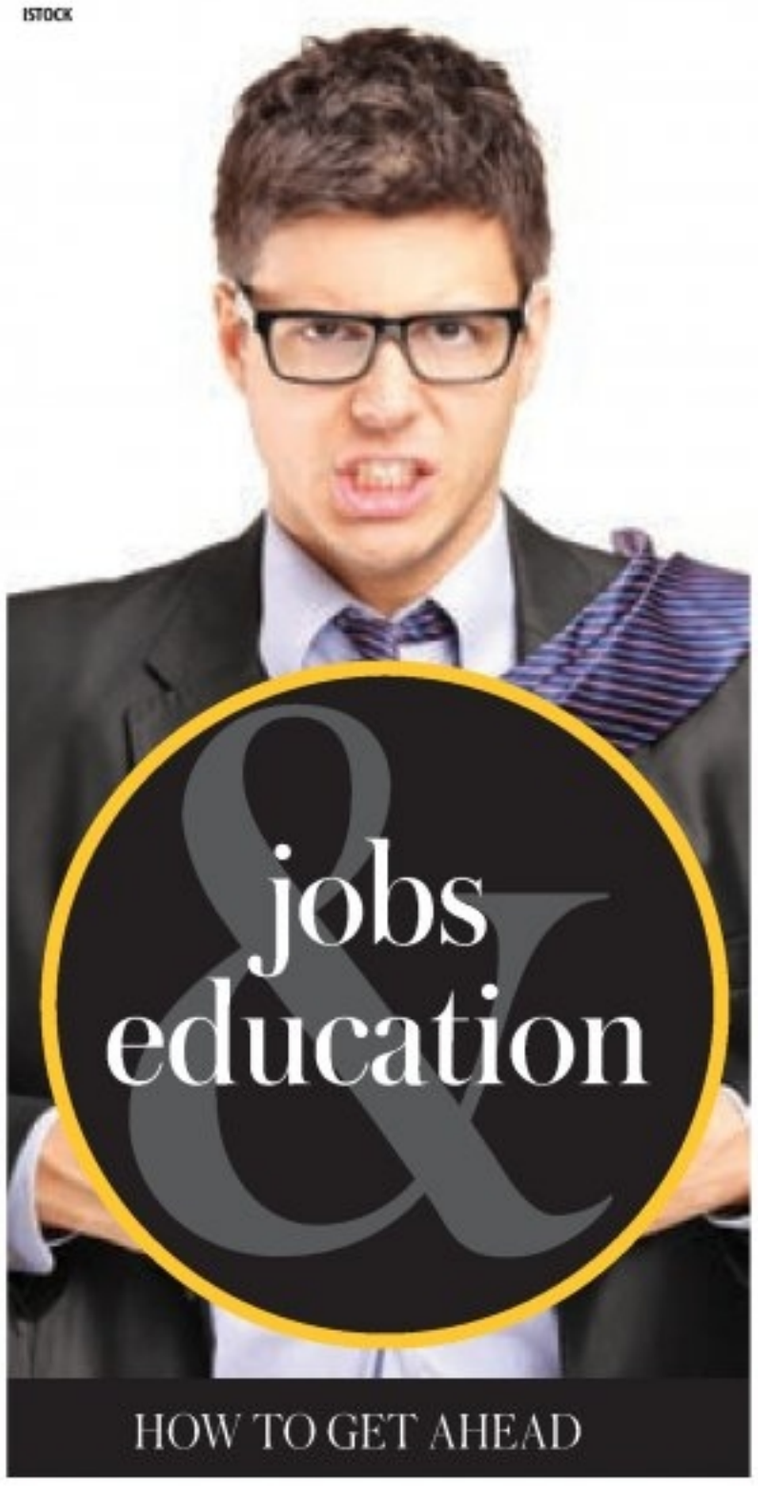

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Why superbosses cultivate superstar talent

Working for a superboss might be just the thing to help your career take flight.

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Achieving boss status is no small feat, in work or in life. But if you have vision, swagger and insight in spades, then you may be a next-level boss — a superboss, suggests a recent article in the Harvard Business Review.

According to the HBR, superbosses are great leaders and innovative thinkers, but they also possess a superpower that puts them a notch above others: the ability to identify and groom talent. Superbosses excel at finding people to carry on their vision and legacy — think of creative superbosses like George Lucas or Lorne Michaels.

Early in your career, you're more likely to work for a superboss than you are to be one, so here are six tips for getting noticed by a superboss.

Seize elevator moments

To stand out to a superboss, you want to capitalize on opportunities to "share ideas, resources, information and make connections," says Pamela Slim, the author of "Escape From Cubicle Nation" and the CEO of Ganas Consulting. That requires going beyond your job description, and becoming familiar with what problems your boss and company are eager to solve, says Slim. Seize the moment — like when you cross paths with your boss in the elevator.

Remember, it's not about you

Superbosses tend to be very confident and competitive, so approaching one may be intimidating. But instead of thinking about what your boss will think of you, shift focus to the big picture, suggests Slim. "By taking initiative, you're aware of your boss' most pressing needs and priorities. I think the frame is important. It's not just about impressing somebody, and it's not about you. Showing that you're smart and strategic is how you let people know that you're interested."

Be a good mentee

If a superboss takes you under his or her wing, make sure the relationship goes both ways. "When they [a superboss] give you advice, make note of it, and send a thank you card. But then more importantly, come back six months later, and say, 'I wanted to let you know here's what I did, and here are the results.'" The fact you listened to their advice will give them the satisfaction of making an impact, says Slim. Didn't get the desired results? Still reach out. Failure is part of the process.

Set boundaries

Superbosses love the grind. They have fast-paced careers — and they expect you to fall in line. "When you sign up for something knowing what it takes, you need to deliver," says Slim. That doesn't mean you have no limits. If you're not setting boundaries, "that's not demonstrating leadership," says Slim.

Consider yourself a "less experienced equal"

A superboss isn't superhuman. You may be less experienced, but you're not of less value, says Slim. To claim your power and your authority, don't demean yourself, adds the expert.

Coleman helps Owls upset SMU

The Owls have now pulled off a top-10 upset in seven of the last eight seasons.

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After waiting out a near-perfect storm Saturday (Jonas, which dumped the fourth-most snow on Philadelphia in history), the Temple Owls men's basketball team unleashed its own perfect storm on undefeated SMU Sunday afternoon.

Both literally and figuratively.

The Owls gave Larry Brown and the Mustangs their first loss of the season in a convincing 89-80 win that, fittingly, concluded with the Temple faithful storming the court.

"These guys really hung together, they did a great job," Temple head coach Fran Dunphy said after the game on ESPN2. "They decided, without Jaylen Bond [out with an injury], our leader, the next guy up would be great for us."

That next guy was Devin Coleman. And he was as perfect as it gets.

The senior guard came off the bench and made everything he looked at. He was 7-for-7 from long-distance and 8-for-8 overall for 23 points to lead the Owls.

"I was just putting it up," Coleman said after the game. "If I thought I had room to put a shot up I did, and they went in."

Temple built a sizable lead early in the game, and led by as many as 19 before the Mustangs scored 10 unanswered points to make it a game again as the second half ticked away.

But the Owls were able to play tough defense and maintain distance from SMU, which is banned from postseason play due to sanctions (despite their 18-1 record).

"We've had our moments but I thought in the second half we stepped up at times," Dunphy said. "They cut it to four, but these guys stepped up and made shots at a critical time."

The victory will surely be Temple's signature win come March when the team is vying for an NCAA Tournament berth after being snubbed in 2015. If they can play solid basketball for the rest of the winter, many will see the upset over the No. 8 Mustangs as a turning point.

"It was great win for us," Coleman said. "We are kind of in that middle area where the season can go up or down and [Saturday] helped us. It was a step in the right direction."

It was Temple's seventh win over a top-10 team in eight seasons and their third win over a ranked conference foe this year, lifting them to 5-2 in the AAC and 11-7 overall.

The Owls are back in action when they travel to East Carolina on Wednesday night.

SMU's loss means there are no Division I unbeatens left in college hoops.

Temple's résumé

Is Temple an NCAA Tournament-worthy team? It's early, but here's a look at the Owls résumé:

- The Owls boast a modest 11-7 record (5-2 in the AAC)
- They have three wins over ranked teams, all three of them American Conference opponents (No. 23 UConn, No. 22 Cincinnati, No. 8 SMU).
- They also have three losses to top-25 teams (NO. 1 UNC, No. 22 Butler, No. 19 Utah)
- Prior to Sunday's win, Temple had an RPI of 88 and SOS of 80.

Devin Coleman was literally perfect Sunday, going 8-for-8 from the field. GETTY IMAGES

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Flyers at midpoint: Neuvirth MVP

Who were the best, worst and most memorable Flyers (and games) of the season's first half?

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The Flyers have had their ups and downs, a few surprises, plenty of intrigue and memorable games and moments through the first 45 games of the season. So before turning the page to the second half and a potential playoff push, let's take a glance back at the first half of the year.

MVP

Michal Neuvirth

It might seem a head-scratcher to pick the backup goalie, who has played in only 17 games this season, but the Flyers would likely be battling the Blue Jackets and Maple Leafs for the worst record in the NHL without him. He has played more like a No. 1 goalie than a backup with a 10-5-2 record, a .936 save percentage, which is second in the league, and sports a 2.05 goals against that ranks him sixth.

Least Valuable Player

R.J. Umberger

Due to a lingering injury that affected him all of last year, the veteran forward gets a pass for his sub par season in 2014-15. Healthy for the better part of 2015, there is no excuse for just six assists and no goals in 30 games. Factor in his $4.6 million cap hit, and it stings even more.

Biggest surprise

Shayne Gostisbehere

With apologies to Sean Couturier, who has shown flashes of developing into a standout two-way forward, the rookie defenseman known as "Ghost" has single-handily resurrected the team's season. The Florida native, who has eight goals, including three in overtime, 11 assists and is a plus-five in 27 games, has been the puck-carrying defenseman the organization has craved for since Eric Desjardins anchored the blue line.

The Flyers just might have the best backup goalie in all of hockey in Michal Neuvirth. GETTY IMAGES

Best win

4-3 over the Blues on Dec. 21.

The Flyers rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the second period to stun the Blues, 4-3. Chris VandeVelde got the comeback started with a shorthanded goal midway through the second and Wayne Simmonds netted the next two to tie the game at 3-3. Evgeny Medvedev provided the game-winner with less than four minutes to play in regulation to seal the thrilling victory in the final game before the Christmas break.

Most disappointing loss

4-3 against the Penguins on Jan. 21

In a crucial contest against their biggest rival, the Flyers squandered a 2-0 lead in the opening 20 minutes as the Penguins scored four unanswered goals. Rather than leapfrog the Penguins in the standings, the team fell back five points of the final wild card spot.

Best pre-game ceremony

Rod Brind'Amour Hall of Fame Night

The Flyers have hosted a bevy of ceremonies this season honoring former players. They have recognized Kimmo Timonen, Simon Gagne and Danny Briere, who all announced their retirements after last season, as well as current defenseman Nick Schultz, who played in his 1,000th game. However, Brind'Amour takes the cake with a beautiful ceremony that included a heart-felt speech before his banner was raised to the rafters.

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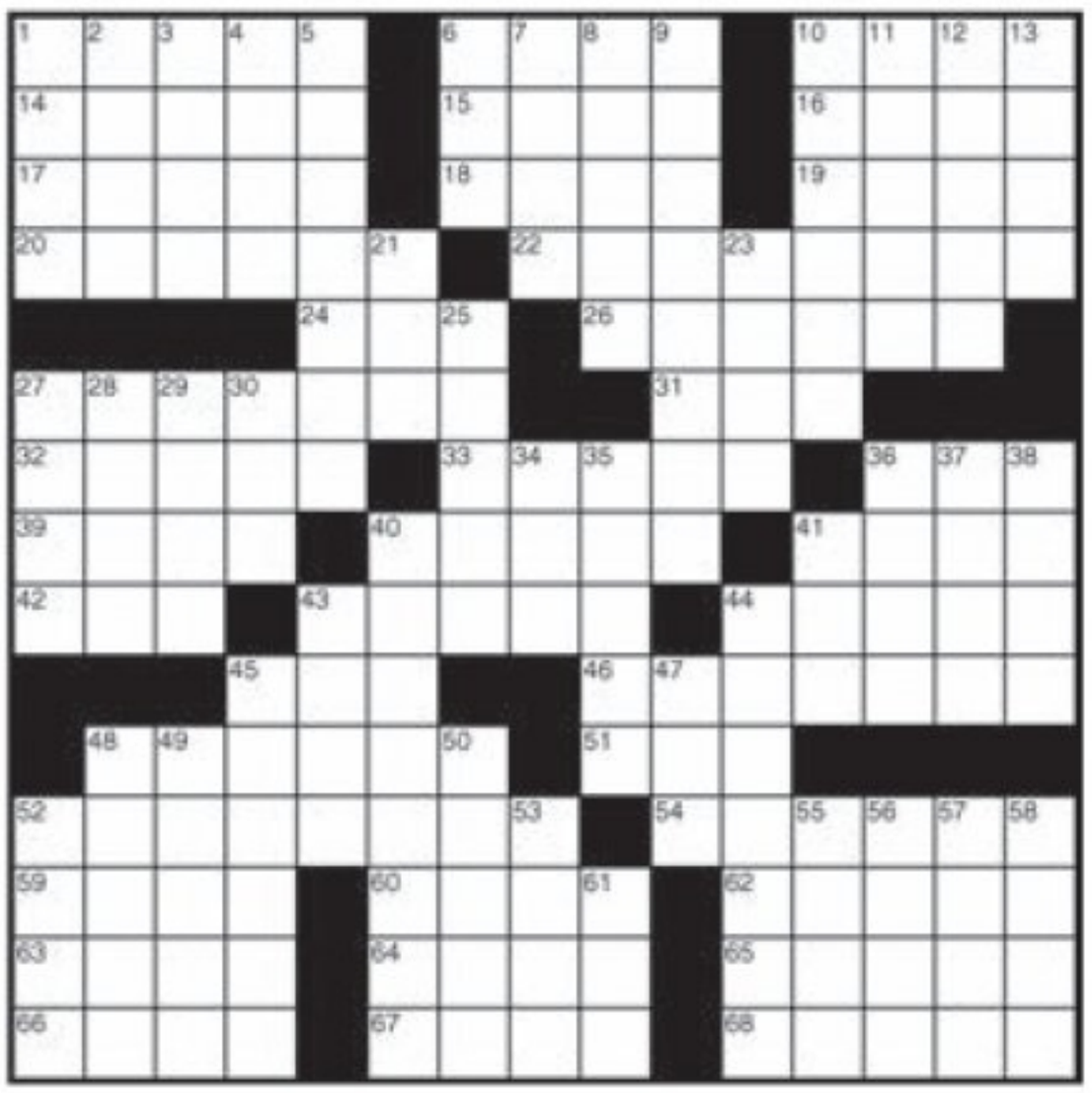

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1 Bea Arthur sitcom
6 Powder, to some
10 Soccer period
14 Block, legally
15 Rain heavily
16 Bouquet
17 Cruise port
18 Himalaya sighting
19 "— Lisa"
20 Dreaded phone status (2 wds.)
22 Torpor
24 Alley --
26 Gets crowned
27 Whole number
31 Application
32 Good buys
33 Dog plaints
36 Suffix for forfeit
39 "My Fair h—"
40 Leaf junctures
41 Oodles (2 wds.)
42 Um's cousins
43 Bolshoi rival
44 Young person
45 Razor brand
46 Take a cue from
48 Chin tuft
51 Wheel track
52 Makes the rounds?
54 Rain forest parrots
59 Prowl
60 Hard mild cheese
62 Not even spoken of
63 She, in Seville
64 Go through carefully
65 Revise
66 Part of PBA
67 Detected
68 Alluvial fan

Down

1 Post-it message
2 C — — cat
3 Jazz's home
4 Thank you, in Kyoto
5 Play wrap-ups (var.)
6 Eavesdrop
7 Eggnog time
8 Toward the edge
9 Reports (hyph.)
10 It may be paid
11 Deck the halls
12 Pines for
13 Donnybrook
21 Mother rabbit
23 Leak giveaway
25 "Stir Crazy" star
27 Groundless
28 Close
29 Youngsters
30 Ron who played Tarzan
34 Shoguns' capital
35 Crowbar
36 Wrist-to-elbow bone
37 Tree anchor
38 Raison d' —
40 Congeniality
41 Have a cold
43 Toy on a string
44 Changed drastically
45 Masked superhero
47 Shaggy flower
48 Liverpool lockups
49 Ph.D. exams
50 Fisher or Murphy
52 La — tar pits
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56 Explorer – Tasman
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Aries Get out and socialize. The people you meet will change your life. An offer will prompt you to make a move. Get all the details before you commit.

Taurus Make plans to do something with the youngsters in your life or spend a romantic evening with someone you love. The more you interact with others, the more you stand to gain.

Gemini Don't limit what you can do. Be up-front with someone about your qualifications and feelings. Avoid indulgent behavior and extravagance.

Cancer When making a deal, make sure that you give yourself enough leeway to feel comfortable moving forward. Romance is in the stars, and greater security is within reach.

Leo Don't get angry when you should get moving. If something needs to be done, forge ahead and don't look back. As long as you are reliable, you have nothing to worry about.

Virgo Love is on the rise. Discuss what you'd like to see happen and put some plans in motion. A vacation or joint venture will bring you closer to your dreams.

Libra You can offer help, but don't get taken for granted. Put a limit on how much you will do, and refuse to let anyone guilt you into anything more. Make personal changes.

Scorpio You'll have unusual ideas that will help you find solutions to pending problems. Your keen sense of timing coupled with your insight will conquer whatever you come up against.

Sagittarius If you make unrealistic promises, you will suffer an emotional or financial loss. Keep your personal affairs a secret or the information will be used against you.

Capricorn Gather information and put a plan together that will help you raise your profile and your reputation. A business trip will pay off, as will a romantic gesture.

Aquarius Your personal relationships will flourish if you share your feelings and intentions. Make a promise that will help you enforce positive alterations at home and work.

Pisces Be direct, ask questions and do your best to find out exactly what's going on. A trip or cultural event will give you plenty to think about.

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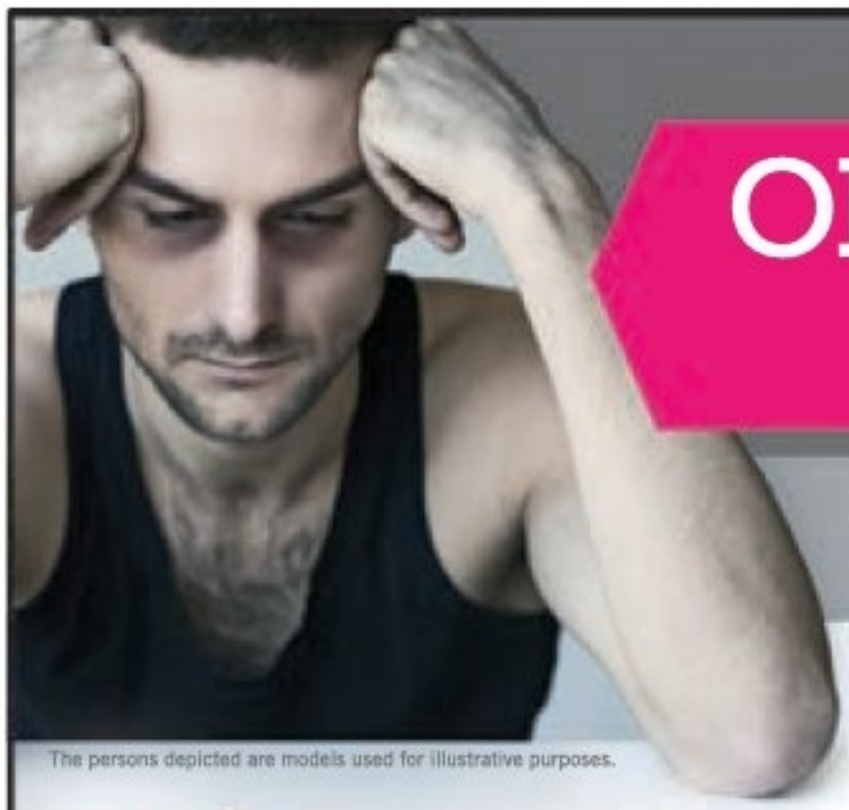

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